

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Corporal David M. Fraise.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Corporal David M. Fraise upon his death in Operation Enduring Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Corporal Fraise; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was a native of New Orleans and he often told friends that one of his favorite things in the city was its food and the numerous restaurants and grills where great cuisine could be found; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise wanted to follow in the family tradition of service in the armed forces of America when he joined the Army in June, 2001, never realizing that in less than three months his country would become engaged in a global war on terrorism that would take him far from his homeland; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was proud to serve militarily in order to help in the fight against terrorism and the people who attacked the World Trade Center Towers in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was subsequently assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment stationed at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, when the unit

1 was deployed to Afghanistan to battle the Taliban religious extremists and the Al Quida
2 terrorist network; and

3 WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was called "the most upbeat soldier we have ever
4 known," and was extremely well-liked by the men of his unit, who said he "was a moral
5 compass to the soldiers so much so that he wanted to change his military occupation
6 specialty to chaplain's assistant"; and

7 WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was possessed of such a strong spiritual faith that he
8 had ministered to his family and helped several members accomplish major changes that
9 they say helped them turns their lives in a better direction; and

10 WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise was 24 years old when he was sent on a mounted night
11 patrol near the town of Deh Rawod near the border with Zabul Province when his unit was
12 attacked by terrorist elements using improvised explosive devices against the vehicles of the
13 patrol; and

14 WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise's Humvee was struck by the device, mortally wounding
15 him and seriously wounding several other soldiers from his unit in the darkness and
16 confusion of the attack; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Fraise will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and
18 fellow soldiers as a spiritually strong person and as a physically tough soldier whose
19 sacrifice serves as a reminder that freedom is never free and Americans may have to fight
20 to protect the freedoms and liberties all citizens now enjoy.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
22 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
23 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Corporal David M. Fraise for
24 fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
26 transmitted to Corporal David M. Fraise's wife, Jenaiece, his daughter, Jireah, and his
27 mother, Juanita.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Corporal David M. Fraise.